

**MINUTES**  
**UTAH BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK**  
**DECEMBER 12, 2002**  
**Room 4-B - 4th Floor - 8:00 A.M.**  
**Heber Wells Building**

**Convened:** 8:00 A.M.

**Adjourned:** 1:50 P.M.

**Bureau Manager:**  
**Secretary:**

Dan Jones  
Ann Naegelin

**Board Members Present:**

Don Beck  
Kathryn Della-Piana  
Kent Anderson  
Ellen Poe  
Katherine Stringham  
Mark de St Aubin

**Board Members Absent:**

Joyce Stowe-St. Clair

**Guests:**

Craig Jackson, Division Director  
Kevin Wyatt, Investigator  
Larry Gooch, Investigator

**TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:**

**DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:**

Minutes of the September Board

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as amended.

Rules Hearing

A public rules hearing was held.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**8:30 A.M.**

Kathryn Peterson

Ms. Peterson met for her probation interview. She submitted an employer report. She submitted a letter from her new supervisor indicating she is aware of probation. She has scheduled an evaluation. The continuing education she was going to attend was cancelled. She will wait until the first of the year for new course offerings. Her next

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appointment is scheduled for March 13, 2003  
at 10:00 a.m.

**9:00 A.M.**

Cory Ruward

Mr. Ruward met for his first probation interview. He explained the situation that occurred resulting in his probationary license. He submitted a plan of treatment and releases for information. He also submitted the evaluation he completed as required by the court. His therapist submitted a report. He has notified his employer and submitted a report from his supervisor. He is attending individual and couples counseling. He oversees all of the in patient records for self funded insurers through Magellan Behavioral Health. He does not usually have direct contact with the patient. He submitted a Plan of Treatment. Mr. Jones will review his plan of treatment and advise. His next appointment is scheduled for March 13, 2003 at 10:30 a.m.

**9:30 A.M.**

Charles Andrews

Mr. Andrews met for his probation interview.

Kevin Wyatt and Larry Gooch, Division investigators were also in attendance. Mr. Andrews has recently been charged with a stalking incident, which according to the allegations occurred after his probation began. Mr. Andrews failed to report the arrest to the Division as required by his probation agreement. Mr. Andrew's mental health evaluation indicated that he used marijuana on multiple occasions including time periods after Mr. Andrew's probation began.

Mr. Andrews claimed the therapist report is in error and his marijuana use was three or four

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years ago. Mr. Andrews could not explain why the therapist had indicated otherwise. Mr. Andrews pointed out that the stalking charge is an allegation at this point as he has not been convicted and stated he believed that he would not be convicted.

Mr. Wyatt reviewed the police record he obtained.

Mr. Andrews represented that he forgot he needed to notify the Board of the new charges.

Mr. Jones asked again about the marijuana use. Mr. Andrew's indicated that he overstated his marijuana use in the previous session with the therapist and that he should not have indicated his use was sporadic. He also indicated that it had been more than a year since he had used marijuana. He has not asked the therapist to correct the report.

Mr. Andrews stated that he is not employed. Mr. Andrews stated he is not currently in therapy. Mr. Jones reviewed the terms of the order regarding therapy. Mr. Andrews needs to have the therapist that completed the evaluation report that Mr. Andrews does not need therapy or other follow up prior to terminating therapy.

The board found that that it was impossible to assure protection of the public including clients that Mr. Andrews would be working with, as envisioned under the probation agreement given Mr. Andrews violations of the probation agreement. The board recommends that the Division investigation section file a petition asking for revocation of probation. The board noted that if Mr. Andrews did not agree with the Division's

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petition, he could require the matter to go to hearing.

**10:00 A.M.**

Patricia Merkley

Ms. Merkley cancelled her probation interview due to the death of her father.

**10:30 A.M.**

Robin Allen

Mr. Allen cancelled his probation interview. He indicated he would be signing a voluntary surrender.

**10:45 A.M.**

Caroline Searcy

Ms. Searcy met to discuss the experience received for licensure. Clarification was needed since the supervisor was not employed by the same agency. Her supervisor had set up her agency as contract employees. Her supervisor received a public reprimand for having her supervisees set up as independent contractors. Ms. Searcy has made it clear that she wanted to obtain licensure as an LCSW. She worked mostly with geriatric patients in a care center. She would submit her case documentation to her supervisor at least once a month for review. A motion was made to accept the hours completed and verified. Ms. Searcy was approved for licensure.

**11:00 A.M.**

Coleen Galliher

Ms. Galliher met for her probation interview. She meets with her supervisor once a week. The training she was planning to attend was cancelled. She has her certificate from the conference in Las Vegas. She also has a certificate for a course in Reno. She will e-mail a copy of her supervisor's report. Her next appointment is scheduled for March 13, 2003 at 11:00 a.m.

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**11:30 A.M.**

Tussy King

Ms. King met to discuss the education requirement for Social Service Worker licensure. The Board discussed the requirements at length. She will need to complete a social work practice methods course or acceptable alternative classes. The experience she has completed prior to completing the additional courses will be accepted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Jodi Graham

Ms. Graham's education was reviewed. She needs a social work practice methods.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Social Service Worker Education

Mr. de St. Albin discussed SSW education. There are no CSWE accredited schools in Utah that will allow a non-matriculated student to take a social work practice methods course. UVSC, SLCC and Westminster do not have such a course. A practice methods course does not include HBSE, Policy, Research or Practicum. In a BSW program there are several courses that make up social work practice methods. A practice methods course should be from an approved program or it must include group, individual and community based case management content.

Scope of Practice Task Force

The task force will meet on January 23 at 3:30 pm.

**NEXT MEETING  
SCHEDULED FOR:**

March 13, 2003

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